

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing Amendments and the following Remarks. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-25 have been canceled. Claims 26-34 remain and have been allowed of which claim 26 is an independent claim.

Rejection of Claims 1-3 and 6-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-3 and 6-12 are canceled. In fact, claims 1-25 are now canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-34 are allowed.

Conclusions

In view of the foregoing amendments, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

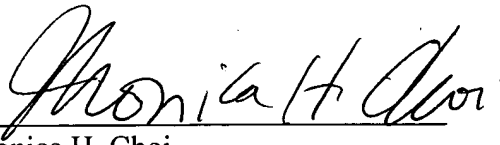
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